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Clyde Yates  
Brush Wellman, Incorporated  
P.O. Box 815  
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Re: Release of Portions of Site, Topaz Mine, M/023/003, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Yates:

It has come to our attention that we have never officially documented the Division's release of the safety berms around the Monitor #3 pit and the North Blue Chalk #2 pit as requested in your November 20, 1997 letter which we received January 28, 1998. We also received a follow-up letter dated August 17, 1998 requesting release of topsoiling of the Monitor #3 dump. An on-site inspection was performed March 31, 1998 to determine if these areas could be released. A copy of Brush Wellman's inspection memo was received January 6, 1999 via fax. We apologize for our untimeliness in formally responding to your requests. A verbal release of these areas was given at the time of the Division's March 1998 inspection.

This letter is to officially document the Division's release of the safety berms around the Monitor #3 pit and the North Blue Chalk #2 pit and the topsoiling of the Monitor #3 dump.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5321. Thank you for your continued cooperation. It is a pleasure working with you and your company. Your efforts regarding reclamation have been an example of the excellent working relationship we have established with your company over the last several years and the efforts of Mr. Greg Hawkins and yourself in trying different approaches and techniques in your planning and implementation of reclamation.

Sincerely,

Tom Munson  
Senior Reclamation Specialist